



Profile of a Member

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Nottingham Insurance was founded in 1917 by the current owners' great-grandfather. The company started in a home on Nottingham Way and has evolved through four generations of family ownership into one of the premier insurance agencies in Central Jersey.

Both Jack and Greg Blair joined the agency in the 1980s and became partners in 1994 with the retirement of their father, Jack Blair Sr. Their dad instilled in his sons the Rotary mantra—"Service Above Self"—says Greg Blair. "When I started in the family business, my father emphasized the importance of giving back to the community. Being a member of the Hamilton Business Partnership provides us the opportunity to network with local business leaders, local public officials and keeps us informed of what is happening in the town where I live and work."



Greg and Jack Blair of Nottingham Insurance with Jack Rafferty, Executive Director of the Hamilton Partnership

As a nationally recognized Best Practices Agency, Nottingham Insurance handles the personal insurance needs of individuals and families, the commercial needs for small and mid middle market

businesses, and the benefits needs for group health and individual annuities and life insurance. With over 30 employees and 20 insurance companies, Nottingham Insurance will find the right company for each of their clients, and become their partner and advocate in the insurance buying process.

It is trust that has been built on a foundation of over 90 years of doing the right things for their clients. "We recognize that less than 7 percent of businesses today make it to the fourth

generation, and we take a lot of pride in our longevity. We value the relationships we have formed and realize that they are an important part of our success," says Jack Blair.

Nottingham Insurance has been an integral part of the Hamilton community. It is deeply involved in the Hamilton Business Partnership, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton, Hamilton Area YMCA, Project Freedom at Hamilton, Hamilton Educational Foundation, Rotary Club of Hamilton/Washington Twps, Meals on Wheels of Hamilton and all local baseball, softball, basketball and soccer leagues. "We live here, have gone to school here, and work here—Hamilton is who we are," says Greg Blair.

Nottingham Insurance has been recognized as Small Business of the Year by Hamilton's Economic Development Commission and Mercer Co Chamber of Commerce, as well as a recipient of the Community Enrichment Award by the Hamilton Area YMCA. As Jack Blair said, "We are very happy being part of such vibrant community. Over the years, we have grown our agency as Hamilton has grown, and we both stand stronger today than ever before. As we begin 2009, we recognize that times are tough, but we are optimistic about the future of both Nottingham Insurance and Hamilton."

Nottingham Insurance has their main office in Golden Crest Corporate Center in Hamilton Square as well as an office in Yardley, Pa. They can be reached at 609-587-1600 or www.nottinghaminsurance.com.

About The Hamilton Partnership

The Hamilton Partnership, a non-profit corporation, is a vital forum for the advancement of Hamilton Township's economy. For twenty years, the organization has fostered a critical dialogue with local officials to retain local businesses, attract new commerce, and help business owners capitalize on emerging opportunities while conveying and preserving the spirit and values that are part of Hamilton's quality of life. For more information about the Hamilton Partnership, please call (609) 947-6187.